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3.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EGEN, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES -- UNCTAD COMMON FUND
MEETING

REF: STATE 191312

1. MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) HAS STILL NO BEGUN TO ORGANIZE ITSELF

TO ADDRESS COMMON FUND QUESTION SYSTEMATICALLY OR TO PREPARE EITHER
SUBSTANTIVELY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR NOVEMBER COMMON FUND MEETING IN
GENEVA. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN CONVERSATION
WITH AMBASSADOR REINFORCED OUR IMPRESSION THAT GIRM INTEREST IN AND
CONCERN ABOUT COMMON FUND REMAINS SCATTERED AROUND GOVERNMENT (FOREIGN

MINISTER, MINISTER PLANNING AND MINES, MINISTER FINANCE HAVE ALL
INDICATED LIVELY INTEREST), AND THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED
SINGLE, INTEGRATED VIEW. WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
REPORT THAT GIRM WILL DEFINITELY PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA MEETING, BUT
THAT GIRM DELEGATION WILL NOT BE NAMED UNTIL 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE
CONFERENCE OPENS.

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2.DEPENDENCE OF MAURITANIAN ECONOMY ON EXPORT OF IRON ORE PROMPTS
MAJOR INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS ASPECT OF COMMODITIES
QUESTION. SEE-SAWING FLUCTUATIONS IN WORLD COPPER PRICES AND
THEIR ADVERSE IMPACT OVER PAST FOUR YEARS ON MODEST, BUT FOR
MAURITANIA SIGNIFICANT, COPPER EXPORTS HAVE DISMAYED GIRM
MINERALS/MINES OFFICIALS AND HAVE PRODUCED LIVELY INTEREST IN
ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE MARKET TO SMOOTH OUT PRICE SWINGS. BUT

GIRM POSITION ON COMMON FUND WILL ULTIMATELY, IN ALL PROBABILITY, REFLECT MORE POSITION OF OTHER IRON ORE AND COPPER PRODUCERS AS MODIFIED BY ARAB AND AFRICAN CAUCUSES THAN GIRM ORIGINAL OR INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS.

3. NONETHELESS, POLITICAL DIRECTOR URGED AMBASSADOR TO ORGANIZE PRESENTATIONS OF U.S. VIEWS BOTH TO SENIOR OFFICIALS HERE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO "EXPRS" IN GIRM DELEGATION IN GENEVA, AND UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE IDENTITY OF NOUAKCHOTT DECISION-MAKERS AS SOON AS GIRM IS ORGANIZED TO ADDRESS PROBLEM.

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